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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NEW OFFSET AGREEMENT

REF: (A) BONN 5883, (B) BONN 5878 (C) BONN 5877

1. RE PARA 2, REFTEL A, THE EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO
INFORM THE GERMAN NEGOTIATORS ORALLY THAT THE US DELEGATION
ACCEPTS AS AGREED, AD REFERENDUM, THE TEXTS OF THE DRAFT
MINUTE AND PROTOCOL OF THE OFFSET AGREEMENT REPORTED IN
BONN 5800, AS AMENDED BY REF C. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER
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NOT TO HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS INITIALED AT THIS TIME. WE ARE

CONCERNED THAT INITIALED DOCUMENTS WOULD CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD REACHED A FORMAL CONCLUSION, THUS INTENSIFYING PRESS AND PUBLIC REQUESTS FOR DETAILS AND COMPLICATING EFFORTS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO RESIST SUCH INQUIRIES.

2. THE ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO COMPLETE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 (AFTER CONGRESS RETURNS FROM EASTER RECESS) PRIOR TO USG APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT. (IF THE FRG STILL HAS A PREFERENCE FOR INITIALING OF THE TEXTS BY DELEGATIONS AS A PRELIMINARY STEP BEFORE SIGNATURE, THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER PERFORMING THIS FUNCTION LATER AFTER CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD.)

3. UNTIL THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED, UNDER THE PROCEDURE SUGGESTED ABOVE, NEITHER SIDE NEED FEEL REQUIRED TO RESPOND DEFINITELY TO PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT THE EXACT TERMS (ALTHOUGH DETAILS ALREADY SEEM TO HAVE LEAKED RATHER FULLY). SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO PRESSURE FROM THE PRESS HERE, AND WE PLAN TO CONTAIN ANY SUCH PRESSURES BY SAYING THAT NO MAJOR PROBLEMS EXIST, BUT PROCEDURAL DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSULT WITH THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ABOUT SIGNATURE ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER

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